



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met February 13, 1996 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were Frank Longen, Philip C. Kearney, Morton Beroza, Bill Bailey, Pat Jackson, John Moseman, A. A. Hanson, Joe Spence, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests included Amy Rossman, Bill Rumpler and Steve Berberich.

Acting President, Frank Longen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Frank Longen introduced Bill Rumpler from BHNRC. Bill asked FAR-B if they could sponsor a Symposium he was leading, or generate a mechanism whereby he could collect a registration fee to partially pay for the costs involved. "The 24 Hour Group" is a biannual gathering of scientists representing most of the major research centers involved in human whole body energy metabolism research. Previous meetings have dealt with the status of participating research groups, current state of the art and new methodologies in regards to collecting data, hot topics and current controversies in human energy metabolism. Bill estimated between 25-40 attendees. With coffee breaks and meals for two days, Bill estimated \$2,000. Phil Kearney asked if there would be any publication coming out of the meeting? Since it is more of a working group than formal presentations, there have been no proceedings thus far. Bill said there will be a book of abstracts that he will prepare with the summarization of what the groups are working on. Frank suggested that if FAR-B helps with the expenses that perhaps Bill could set a registration fee with monies made payable to FAR-B. Frank posed the question as to whether any of the contributions sent by Distillers Association of the United States and Jim Beam Brands Incorporated to DHPL be used toward this meeting? Bill said he would ask Dr. Judd if he feels it would be appropriate to use any of these funds for this purpose. Frank asked Bill if there would be any problem if we were to split the cost, \$1,000 from FAR-B and \$1,000 from registration. Bill said no. Bill Bailey inquired who the checks would be sent to. Ginger and Bill Rumpler will get together on this. It was decided the monies should go through the symposium account. Bill thanked FAR-B for their consideration.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. JOE SPENCE

- Dr. Spence introduced himself as the Director of the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, and for the next six months, starting January 2, will be Acting Associate Area Director.
- Personnel Changes: Dr. Murrell will be in Denmark until July 1. Dr. van Schilfgaarde is the Acting Area Director.
- We have gotten the President's budget. It looks good for ARS. This indicates the high regard the Executive Branch and confidently, Congress also feels the same. Noting that the Department was not shut down during the budget crisis, that reflects the importance of Agriculture in the fact that they could come to an agreement on an appropriation for the current fiscal year.
- In our current budget, we have funds for the design work for the 300 Area in BARC-East. That will take care of infrastructure, so that the Human Nutrition Research Center can be renovated. Entomology will probably move into building 306. A cause for concern is that a large number of Federal tenants have indicated that they are going to move out. Our best approach is to consolidate, seal off buildings and see how we can minimize the space utilization to keep the space charges the labs pay to a minimum.

- On the West side: Out to bid currently is the Controlled Environment Center, which will be an addition to the back of the Horticultural Sciences Building. It does not include money for the growth chambers. We will either come up with funds from another source or re-utilize some of the chambers we have. We prefer new chambers, partly to match the facility, but also they're much more energy efficient. Building 001 is moving along on schedule with a projected dedication in the fall. We're moving ahead with building 004, with very few people still there. We plan to move the Fitness Center back to the West Side under the greenhouses. I took a tour of the new and existing greenhouses. They are very nice. They are just now putting the finishing touches on them.
- Gene Morris, a scientist from BHNRC just retired. John Nelson from the soybean lab is retiring; his retirement party will be today at 2:30. Dr. Spence invited all who knew him to stop by. Dr. Spence related to the group the events surrounding Darla and Eddie Hicks. Evidently there was a murder-suicide.
- Dr. Kearney asked whether Floyd Horn had made any comments about the organization of ARS. Dr. Spence said the comments of both Floyd Horn and Karl Stauber indicated that there will no doubt be changes that will take place. Floyd Horn said publicly in January, that he had promised a reorganization of the National Program Staff.
- Phil Kearney asked whether the "Strategic Plan" was still going forward. Dr. Spence said it was pretty much a public document at this point. They did have several Visioning Conferences several places throughout the country. There is an ARS Strategic Plan being finalized currently. Ed Knipling from the Program Staff, with the help of Dave Rust, is heading up the effort. There is a lot of input from industry. The Government Performance and Review Act will go into effect in 1997. Each agency will then be judged about how well it's meeting its mission.

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - DR. AMY Y. ROSSMAN

Three significant contributions have been received from industry so far: Asgrow Seed Company contributed \$1,000; and both Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. and SANDOZ AGRO, INC. contributed \$500. Amy handed out the new brochures. The speakers are lined up, however, the Committee may still add a few more speakers. We have had quite a few people ask to speak. Al Stoner's secretary is working with Ginger in setting up the travel arrangements. The Committee is compiling a VIP list of political and government officials to be invited. Amy reviewed all of the social events connected with the Symposium. Publicity - an ad was placed in *Science*; brochures were distributed at the AAAS Meeting; on *List Serves* and email; Sharon Stern has it up on the WorldWide Web, and 800 brochures were sent to the readers of *Diversity Magazine*. Since this meeting is not only with the Association of Systematics Collections (we expect 100 registrants from this group), but it's also a meeting with Crop Science Society (we expect another 100 from that organization). We have selected the nominees for the FAR-B Scientist of the Year Award, and are getting information on each. Frank said the packets should be ready by March. Whitten Reid from OICD suggested that his organization would pay travel expenses for several international speakers. Henry Shands has been working with various people from industry, and has asked them to make short presentations as part of the discussion sessions. Gus Hanson suggested we contact the National Association of Commercial Plant Breeders. He also mentioned that the American Society of Agronomy has a monthly Newsletter; and perhaps something similar in the American Society of Horticultural Sciences. Phil Kearney will get in touch with Amy or Ginger with information about the organization, "Industrial Biotechnology Association".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

As a result of the Initiatives Committee headed up by Tom Sexton, our membership has increased by 33 members. These, combined with the 35 we had on board gives us a total of 68 Associates. This represents approximately 1/4 of our SY's. A benefit of having increased numbers on our roles, aside from the \$10 dues is the potential benefit obtained from the contact of these employees with industry; perhaps giving industry the chance to help individual Labs through FAR-B. Two good examples of that are the two donations to BHNRC; \$5,000 by the Jim Beam Brands Company and \$10,000 from the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States. It's really the employees who know where these monies are. Walter Rawls will be taking over that Committee, (since Tom Sexton has moved to the NPS) continuing to get our employees knowledgeable about FAR-B and how we can assist them. Frank said he sent postcard reminders of membership dues renewals as of January 1, 1996. We received another \$500 contribution from American Association of Professional Apiculturists for the bee exhibit that is in the process of being constructed at the National Visitor Center. The construction of the exhibit is fairly complete. Steve Berberich indicated the cost to be around \$2,000. We have \$1,300 collected from contributions. There were more companies contacted for support, who have yet to be heard from. One of the important events on the agenda of our Annual Meeting in March will be the election of a new president. In the past years we have had the Beltsville Area Director as our speaker. This year Jan van Schilfgaarde, Acting Area Director will be our speaker. Frank said he has a meeting with Dr. Schilfgaarde later this week to discuss the history behind the FAR-B organization, i.e., how it got started through Waldy Klassen and Essex Finney and the like. Frank had asked John Moseman to be a Nominating Committee of one and make some contacts with some individuals who we might consider for the post of President of FAR-B, and possibly a Board Member. John reported that Essex Finney agreed to serve on the Board but could not consider the position of President at this time because of conflict of interest. John talked to Phil Kearney who consented to act as President for the next year. Frank said perhaps Bill Tallent, who recently joined FAR-B would consider a Board position next year when some openings occur. Gus Hanson questioned whether the group would consider Floyd Horn to speak at our Annual Meeting. Frank said he would mention it to Dr. van Schilfgaarde at their Thursday meeting.

Summer Intern - Frank said Steve Berberich put in an informal request for a summer intern this year due to low staffing at the NVC. Lloyd McLaughlin also requested a summer intern. Due to the savings we incurred (approx. \$28,000) from the Area Office paying for the 1994 Symposium Proceeding from previous years's funds, the Symposium fund was building up to a fairly high level, and since there were other obligations we were called on to fund from the general account, we discussed and voted to move \$20,000 from the symposium account to the general fund. The funding of an intern runs around \$2,400. We had been alternating between the Agricultural Research magazine staff and Steve Berberich for the NVC. The Board had previously voted to sponsor a summer intern for the Lab sponsoring the Symposium. Gus Hanson suggested that we continue our policy of alternating the intern, give the Symposium Lab an opportunity to have an intern, and if they don't want it, then give it to Lloyd McLaughlin.

FAR-B Symposium Secretary - For several years now, Ginger had been working six hours per day plus one extra hour, earning compensatory leave for that hour. Due to her understanding of an employee regularly earning compensatory leave, this year's Symposium Co-Chair stopped the practice of the Symposium secretary regularly earning the leave. Question came up as to how the Board could handle payment for another hour per day four days a week. If this were done on a yearly basis, it would roughly take around \$5,000. Lisa Baldus and Mike Ruff met with Ginger and decided it would be acceptable budget-wise. An alternative is to look for a volunteer to help with the FAR-B

work. Frank said if the opportunity came up to transfer funds to the area office for salary, he wanted to know what the thinking of the Board was. Morton Beroza moved that we transfer monies. Pat Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Gus Hanson suggested this be done on a year-to-year basis and be reviewed annually. Bill Bailey said it would have to be on an annual basis because we have to have a memorandum of understanding.

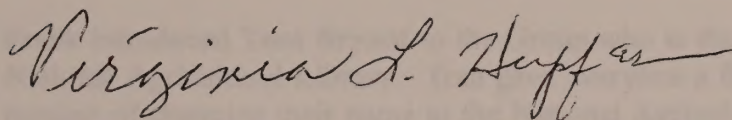
Frank said the Supplement to the Master Memo of Understanding to cover this year's Symposium has just been executed.

Bill Bailey commented that if FAR-B pays for the bee exhibit, it would be our property. Frank said if it is an inventoried property, we would process papers and donate it to BARC.

Steve Berberich brought along the poster we previously had. We are to comment on it and hopefully have it by our Annual Meeting. Steve briefly told the group that the NVC had a plan to put the Hall of Fame exhibit in the Lincoln Room. The shops estimated \$1,500 to do the job. Steve asked whether FAR-B might want to make a contribution towards this project. The proposal was put on the agenda for the March meeting.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at 1:00 at the National Visitor Center. Annual Meeting will follow.



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The FAR-B Board of Directors met March 12, 1996 in the Lincoln Room at the National Visitor Center. Those in attendance were Frank Longen, Wm. A. Bailey, Morton Beroza, Al Piringer, Pat Jackson, George Irving, Phil Kearney, Joe Spence, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests included Tom Bryant and Steve Berberich.

Acting President, Frank Longen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. FRANK LONGEN

The Initiatives Committee came up with the idea of putting FAR-B HomePage in the Internet System. Frank circulated an example. He said there was also an announcement of the Symposium included, but later found out that ARS HomePage has an announcement of the Symposium also.

The Diet and Human Performance Lab wrote a letter to Frank requesting a \$15,000 piece of equipment. (The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States had contributed \$10,000 to BHNRC and \$5,00 had been sent by the Jim Beam Brands Company for BHNRC.) Frank discussed whether we should buy the piece of equipment and then turn it over as a gift to ARS, or whether ARS should buy it and we should turn the \$15,000 over to ARS in the form of a Trust Fund Cooperative Agreement. Procurement will inform Frank how we should proceed with this.

Frank introduced **Tom Bryant** to the Group who is the Executive Director of the Associates of the National Agricultural Library. Tom gave everyone a flyer and also told the group they were in the process of changing their name to the National Agricultural Library Associates. The Associates have a Friends Group similar to FAR-B. The group was started in 1970 at the Library. He listed some of the activities that led to the formation of this group. The employees of the Library set up a *Friends* group to purchase some non-government items. The Director at that time and Joe Howard decided that it wasn't proper for the *Friends* group to be run by employees of the Library. They began to look for a non-profit Management Company to manage them. They worked with the Friends of the National Library of Medicine. Later they went with National Agricultural Library Associates. *NALA* has many clients and is fairly cost effective. Frank asked what the intake was from the group from various categories. Tom said Patrons are \$10,000, the next group at \$5,00 and finally \$2,500. Universities contribute also. There are other categories.

Frank briefly went over the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Frank said he would open the meeting with some introductory remarks and talk a little about the status of FAR-B, i.e. where our membership stands, what we financed during the past year in the way of support to BARC, etc. Next, we'll introduce Dr. Spence as the Acting Associate; let Dr. Spence talk some about what's going on at Beltsville, i.e. new construction, the modernization program, and subjects of his choice. Dr. Spence will introduce Dr. Horn. Frank suggested to Dr. Horn's office, he talk maybe thirty minutes or so and allow some time for questions and answers. He will introduce Dr. Amy Rossman next as the Co-Chair of Symposium XXI. We then have the matter of electing a president to replace John Moseman for the balance of his term. Phil Kearney has agreed to accept this position. This will create a vacancy on the Board. Essex Finney agreed that he will come on as a Board Member. We have those changes to vote on. Dr. Kearney is unable to attend the BOD meeting the 2nd

being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met April 16, 1996 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were Pat Jackson, Phil Kearney, George Irving, John Moseman, Frank Longen, William Hollis, Morton Beroza, A. A. Hanson, E. E. Finney, Jr., Wm. A. Bailey, Jan van Schilfgaarde, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests included Amy Y. Rossman, Dug Miller, Walter Rawls, and Steve Berberich.

President Phil Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PHILIP KEARNEY

Phil asked Frank how we handled the \$15,000 donated for equipment for DHPL. Frank said it was decided that it would be easier for us to buy the piece of equipment and to donate it to BARC. We already purchased the piece of equipment and it will be delivered to the lab. We had a special symposium meeting earlier last month because of the concern about the lagging registration. It was concluded that FAR-B would underwrite any major shortfall.

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - AMY ROSSMAN AND DUG MILLER

The registration is up to about 150 (including speakers) now and we are in fairly good financial shape. The program has been set, although there are questions about several speakers. The FAS has contributed about \$4,000 toward the finances of several international speakers. The program will be going to the printer next Monday. The Legislative Affairs Workshop that ASC was organizing has been canceled. The Committee is working on logistic matters, signs printed, etc. Dow Elanco contributed \$1,000 this week. Dug explained the worksheet he developed with a sliding scale to report how much it will take to break even as the registrants change. The break even point now is approximately 150. Dr. Kearney would like to develop a standardized budget and asked Dug to fill it in in pencil.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - JAN van SCHILFGAARDE

- * State of the Area - We are doing quite well at BARC. I came in as Acting Director 6 month ago. The appointment of Barbara Leonhardt as Director of the Plant Sciences Institute was approved by the Administration last week. We have started recruiting a Director for NRI.
- * The Budget - The budget is good relative to other Departments in the Federal Government. But the budget is not going up at the same rate as inflation. We have to absorb cost increases for which there is no additional money.
- * Modernization - We are trying to find ways to consolidate the shrinking total number of SY's into smaller number of buildings; we think that we can ultimately abandon several buildings, abolish them and with those funds, refurbish the remaining buildings.
- * Last week Kenneth Kaplan, and Tim Sanders and Del Davis from the Republican and Democratic House Sub Committee on Appropriations for Agriculture, came to visit Beltsville. They were here from 9 to 5.
- * Dr. van Schilfgaarde had a visitor from an arborist, an outgoing president from the Maryland Arborist Association. The group has offered to come to Beltsville this fall and to spend the day helping trim trees and doing other landscape work at no cost to us. We committed to provide lunch. Perhaps FAR-B could help in this endeavor. We will receive in return \$30-\$40,000 in professional time. ARS Information will get us publicity with coverage in local papers.

SELF REPORT - DUG MILLER

Systematic Entomology Lab Friends has made a recommendation that some of their funds (we now have about \$18,000) be used to bring visitors from the outside in to work in collaboration with a scientist to work on a data base, areas of the collection so that we can make better identifications. The Committee wants to use the approximately \$625 interest earned to bring in a visitor that would be beneficial to the mission of the laboratory. The SELF Committee has acted on suggestions of some of the donors as to why they aren't getting higher interest (currently 2.7%). The Committee has made a recommendation that we take the funds from the current account and move it to T. Rowe Price equity income fund. Dug left his packet of recommendations with Bill Bailey for FAR-B to consider. Gus Hanson made a motion that we authorize the expenditure of \$625 for the support of the visiting scientist. George Irving seconded the motion. It was passed by voice vote. A committee was formed consisting of Frank Longen, Bill Bailey, and Morton Beroza to explore the suggestion of putting the SELF funds into a mutual fund. Gus Hanson said the investment is long-term investment; the more important problem for us is how we will handle holding the mutual fund. Discussion followed. It was suggested that this Committee also look into the possibility of investing FAR-B funds in a more financially beneficial way.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kearney proposed the question to Walter Rawls as to whether or not he would want to be involved in Executive Secretary responsibilities of FAR-B. Walter Rawls said he and Frank Longen had discussed this and his idea was that whoever was chairing the Advisory Committee could work with FAR-B. At the present Walter Rawls heads that committee. Dr. Kearney said he and Dr. Rawls would talk about this.

The Newsletter was discussed. It will be out by the first week of May.

Steve Berberich passed around a poster he proposed for FAR-B. Discussion of design and cost followed. Gus Hanson made the motion that FAR-B accept the design with some modifications. Essex Finney seconded. It was passed by voice vote. Dr. Kearney asked Steve if he would head up a committee with Bill Bailey and Walter Rawls to determine cost, lamination, size, etc. Suggestions were made concerning the wording of the mission of FAR-B. Bill Hollis made the motion "revising the fourth item to read 'receive donations for equipment, student interns, and other improvements'". Gus Hanson seconded. It was passed by voice vote. The poster will be available for the Symposium.

Dr. Kearney said the Board had to discuss the FAR-B Outstanding Scientist of the Year Award. Gus Hanson said the majority of the Committee agreed on Dr. Jim Duke to receive the award. Gus Hanson was asked (and accepted) to present the award at the opening session.

TREASURERS REPORT _ WILLIAM A. BAILEY

The treasurers report was approved as distributed.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Virginia L. Hupfer

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***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.

There were no other items from the previous meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Collins - Dr. Spence emphasized the youth Field Day which will be held Saturday, June 23. Encouraging numbers have been invited and since it is a family event, we are hopeful there will be a good response.

John Starnes is leaving USDA June 27 and will be replaced by the Executive Director, Carolyn Kimmery, M.D., who will be acting. The number will be going back to North West. Please contact her if needed.

There is a group about with plans to build a new office complex (see a draft) project. The plan is approved from MCPC and right now negotiations with the local community, this project is a GO. They are trying to lease ground and rock, and it should be ready to occupy in 1997. This project will require upgrades of Edinburg and Wrayville streets, which will result in ongoing traffic and the problem for some time and residents will experience a bit of inconvenience. The second part of the project, the 2nd building and the building will take place later phase.

The Proposed FFA Chapter will be located in Edinburg. They have a partnership with the University of Maryland at College Park to build a computer center and a large Park House.

USDA recently had their dedication of the new Rural Pavilion. It was a good day for the Belleville Area. All are encouraged to stop in and see this magnificent facility dedicated by Congress from Edinburg.

Range 2 - This area will be set for 1996 and should be completed by the end of the year.

USDA - The dedication is scheduled for sometime in October and we will have local politicians.



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The FAR-B Board of Directors met May 14, 1996 in B-003, BARC-West. Those in attendance were: William A. Bailey, Morton Beroza, Essex Finney, A. A. Hanson, George Irving, Pat Jackson, Phil Kearney, Frank Longen, John Moseman, Amy Rossman, Joe Spence, and Alice Murray.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Phil Kearney, President, at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

There were no Minutes from the previous meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Area Office - Dr. Spence emphasized the public Field Day which will be held Saturday, June 29. Surrounding communities have been invited, and since it is a family event, we are hopeful there will be a good response.

Carl Stauber is leaving USDA June 17 and will be replaced by Dr. Catherine Woteki, Deputy Under Secretary, RE&E., who will be Acting. Dr. Stauber will be going back to North West Foundation as President.

USDA is going ahead with plans to build their office complex (not a BARC project). Despite lack of approval from MCPC and significant protestations from the local communities, this project is a GO. They are hoping to break ground next week and it should be ready to occupy in 1997. This project will require upgrading of Edmonson and Sunnyside streets which will result in ongoing massive traffic problems for commuters and residents until completion of this building. The original cost of the project was \$98 million and the building will take place in two phases.

The Proposed FDA Complex will not be coming to Beltsville. They have a partnership with the University of Maryland at College Park to house this complex near the College Park Metro Station.

USNA recently had their dedication of the new Bonsai Pavilion. It was a good day for the Beltsville Area. All are encouraged to stop by and see this magnificent facility designed by craftsmen from China.

Range 2 - This state-of-the-art facility was finished two weeks ago.

B-001 - The dedication is scheduled for sometime in October and we will invite local politicians.

Groundbreaking of B-004 will take place at the same time.

Controlled and Environmental Growth Facility - The design is out to bid and we hope to sign a contract in September. We will also need \$2 million for growth chambers. Funding was not in the original appropriation and we are looking at options we might have .

Human Nutrition Center - We are currently doing the design work for Buildings 306, 307, 308 area. Funds are in the 1997 budget for design work of the Human Nutrition building. Dr. Horn suggested we keep the design money in the 1997 budget and in 1998 he is committed to asking for the \$17 million it will take for its completion.

An announcement recently was made on the West Coast to relocate the Western Human Nutrition Research Center to Davis.

Dr. Murrell returns from Denmark June 30 and will take annual leave the week of July 1. He will be back in the office July 8.

Tom Sexton will be back next Monday in his position as Institute Director, LPSI.

John Van de Vaarst has been selected as the new Deputy Area Director of FMOD. Dr. Sexton is being replaced by Roger Gerrits.

Symposium - Amy Rossman reported that currently there are 199 registrants for the upcoming Symposium. They expect a walk-in registration of 30-50 people. Dr. Rossman gave a rundown of plans and logistics for the symposium: speakers/topics, banquet, and transportation. Plans are moving along well and there are plenty of volunteers to assist in various capacities. Drs. Finney and Kearney will arrive at 7:30 a.m. to help greet visiting dignitaries.

The National Program Leaders were sent a letter inviting them to attend the Symposium.

Dr. Kearney will present the FAR-B award for the Distinguished Scientist to Dr. Jim Duke.

Dr. Rossman will prepare a final report after the Symposium.

Rumpler Letter - Dr. Kearney, Frank and Bill had received a letter from Bill Rumpler dated February 14 in which he had asked for assistance from FAR-B in providing funds for refreshments for their Third Annual Energy Metabolism Symposium. Their meeting has been postponed until November 15-16. We said we would help him -- perhaps \$1,000 or \$2,000. Bill will be in touch with us again on this matter. No action required by FAR-B at this time.

Newsletter - FAR-B is putting together a membership directory -- hopefully it will be ready next month after Ginger has made a few corrections.

Systematic Entomology Lab Fund (SELF) - Morton Beroza suggested that T. Rowe Price's Equity Income Fund might be a good place to put the SELF funds. It has been paying interest at

10-11% for the past ten years. Frank Longen recommended that the President and Treasurer be the signators for such an account. (See New Business)

Partial Payment for Summer Student

FAR-B plans to contribute funds for student summer employment. Amy will get one student and the other student possibly will be detailed to Steve Berberich. Dr. Finney suggested that we ask Doug Miller to submit a specific proposal so we can determine how much money is to be allotted for this venture.

Executive Secretary - Dr. Kearney stated that Walter Rawls is interested in working with FAR-B. He has the capability and resources to assist FAR-B such as the ability to work on the Internet, Update the Internet for the next Symposium, provide color xeroxing, and staff assistance. It was agreed that Dr. Rawls (or his representative) be detailed to FAR-B for the duration of the year after which time, the By-Laws may need revision to accommodate his membership.

FAR-B Poster - There have been 2800-3000 posters made, and samples were shown. The posters will be distributed by Amy Rossman.

NVC Volunteer Appreciation Day - This event will be held Thursday, May 16 at 3 PM to recognize volunteers. FAR-B will be attending and will provide light refreshments.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A report was distributed to the members by the Treasurer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Jim Duke FAR-B Award - Dr. Hanson suggested that Jim Duke provide us with the names of journals to which he subscribes so FAR-B can publicize his award. Kim Kaplan will be approached by Dr. Kearney for publicity on this award (possibly the Washington Post).

OLD BUSINESS

Frank Longen reported that the effort to attract more corporate members to FAR-B has been disappointing. Out of 55 letters sent we received only one response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Co-Chairs for the next symposium will be Dr. Ron Korcak and Dr. Robert J. Wright on "Beneficial Co-utilization of Agricultural, Municipal and Industrial By-products."

Dr. Finney reported that Prince George's County Historical Society, in conjunction with the

county's 300 year celebration, recently selected three individuals to honor for their agricultural contributions during the last three centuries. Dr. Darrow, a former ARS scientist, was chosen for his contributions during the last 100 years.

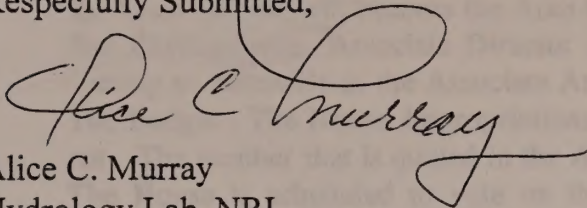
A motion was made by Morton Beroza that SELF funds be transferred to T. Rowe Price's Equity Income Fund and to have signators at T. Rowe Price and the bank be Treasurer William Bailey and President Kearney. Dr. Hansen seconded the motion. William Bailey will get needed documents from the bank and also send the appropriate documents to T. Rowe Price.

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 1996.

No meetings will be held in July and August. Meetings will then resume in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,



Alice C. Murray
Hydrology Lab, NRI



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AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. JOE SPENCE

- Dr. Spence told the group that Dr. Bill Van Der Woude passed away.
- Personnel Changes - Dr. Jan van Schilfgaarde will return to the NPS in July, and by the end of the fiscal year he will become the Area Director of the Pacific West Area. Dr. Horn announced that Phyllis Jones, Associate Director and Acting Area Director of the Pacific West will be coming to Beltsville as the Associate Area Director.
- The Budget - The House Appropriations mark up last week - ARS is looking at a possible 1-2% cut. The number that is quoted in the Appropriations Bill is \$703M - down from about \$710M. The House is scheduled to vote on this today or tomorrow, and the Senate to take up the appropriation discussions within the next couple of weeks. It looks like we will have a budget in hand by the end of July.
- Modernization - We got the anticipated \$4.5 M. Last year we got \$8M. That prohibits the start on the Nutrition Research Center modernization. But we hope to get that funding next year in a single amount.
- Public Field Day - Saturday, 6/29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Beltsville will be holding an educational, fun and informative day for the public. Everyone is invited.

SYMPOSIUM XXI REPORT - AMY ROSSMAN AND DUG MILLER

A symposium report was distributed that was requested by the Journal of Environmental Conservation. The Journal will publish this report. We had 246 registrants. We had quite a large diversity of attendees. There were mixed opinions on the Media Panel. The talks were interesting and of high quality. Quite a large number of people participated in the discussions, and disagreements from some developing countries were brought out. The evening event at the Patuxent Visitor Center was successful. Henry Shands finished the last session Wednesday with a review and discussion. Elaine Hoagland and approximately 30 interested registrants met and put together a White Paper that will be ASC's Position Paper on this issue. We have over half of the papers needed for the Proceedings. We hope to have the Proceedings published by August. There are many requests for the Proceedings only. Dug distributed an interim budget. Dug commented that expenses were relatively low on speaker costs; also FAS paid the expenses for 3 of our foreign speakers. It was decided someone should write a thank you letter to Whetten Reed. Dug suggested that there be a table at next year's Symposium to tell the Beltsville story. Dr. Kearney added that Dr. Duke was pleased with his award. To get some newspaper coverage, Dr. Kearney and Ginger sent some information to Kim Kaplan in the Office of Information to write up a press release.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - FRANK LONGEN

Frank sent out reminder notices to those who hadn't paid 1996 dues yet. As of the latest count, we have 165 total members (this is as high as we've ever been). Through the efforts of the Initiatives Committee, we gained one sustaining member (\$500), Pioneer Hi-Bred out of Johnston, IA; we also received a \$100 check from Agdia, Inc. in Elkhart, IN; a personal membership from Dr. Randall Marcuson with the EMBREX, Inc, at Research Triangle Park, NC. We sent out 55 letters and acquired \$620 as a result. With the effort we made to attract more Associate members, we picked up 35 new members. Dr. Kearney had suggested we publish a directory of FAR-B members, which Frank made and distributed. These will be included in the September Newsletter. Bill Bailey suggested that on the last page of the directory, we include a nomination form for members to send in potential members. Walter Rawls volunteered to draft a membership letter and make up a FAR-B packet to take to Ivy Lane to distribute to current retirees. Walter, with the cooperation of the Initiatives Committee, would like to make a push again this fall, through the Institutes, to obtain more Associate Members. He would also like to send packets to new companies that have come in to CRADA's, working with Beltsville this year.

Frank told the group that he received a phone call from Jane Wall's daughter, that Jane Wall passed away the previous evening.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PHILIP KEARNEY

Phil said he and Frank decided to bring up the issue of bonding the treasurer, after considering the large amount of money in the various accounts. This will be investigated. Bill said this would be a good time to get a program to run the budget on the computer. Phil Kearney suggested "Office Manager" in Quicken. Phil and Frank will work with Bill.

Phil asked for suggestions on what FAR-B could do this fall that has long-range impact on research at Beltsville. Frank had suggested more interns.

TREASURER'S REPORT - WILLIAM A. BAILEY

Bill transferred \$17,000 from the SELF fund into the checking account to write a check to T. Rowe Price for the equity income fund. Frank wrote a cover letter in lieu of a corporate seal. Bill said the Mellon Bank had sold out to Crestar. Frank suggested that about \$20,000 be moved from the non interest bearing account to the interest bearing. Essex Finney suggested that, with the transfer to Crestar, We might want to check the rate of interest paid. The treasurer's report was approved as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Walter Rawls asked about the distribution of the new FAR-B posters. We will wait until we can talk to Steve Berberich. Bill suggested we put an 8x10 replica of the FAR-B poster in the retirement packets. Another suggestion by Phil Kearney was to make it the front page of the next Newsletter.

ROUND ROBIN

Dr. Kearney invited Dr. Rawls to attend the FAR-B meetings on a regular basis as Executive Secretary.

Dr. Finney asked about the Human Nutrition Center Project. Dr. Spence replied FY 98's budget will hopefully provide \$17M in one amount. We are currently working on the infrastructure upgrades. In FY 97 we will have money for the design out of the \$4.5M. In FY 98 we will have the full request for the Nutrition Center.

Ginger Hupfer has moved from Room 220 to Room 217 in Bldg. 003.

Gus Hanson suggested one way FAR-B could help Beltsville was through offering travel money on a competitive basis.

Essex Finney suggested that FAR-B write a letter to Malcolm Wall, expressing our sympathy. Dr. Kearney said he would do that on behalf of the organization.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted

Virginia L. Hupfer

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Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS Tuesday September 10, 1996 at 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met September 10, 1996 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were: Philip C. Kearney, Frank Longen, George Irving, John Moseman, Gus Hanson, Walter Rawls, Joe Spence, Essex Finney, William A. Bailey, Ann Smigocki, Tom Sexton, Bob Wright, Ron Korcak, James Anderson, Pat Millner and Morton Beroza.

President Phil Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

COMMENTS BY DR. KEARNEY

Ginger Hupfer - Dr. Kearney informed the members of Ginger Hupfer's transfer to a position with BHNRC. This has been due to downsizing in the Beltsville Area; accordingly, the Symposium for which Ginger also was responsible will now be handled by the organizers. Alice Murray, Hydrology Lab, will now be FAR-B's Recording Secretary.

Membership - To assist in membership enrollment in FAR-B, Personnel has agreed to include FAR-B brochures and a "Dear Retiree" letter from Dr. Kearney (distributed to attendees) with their retirement packets. Walter Rawls reported that Personnel has received all the brochures and letters. FAR-B posters have also been distributed throughout BARC by Walter Rawls. The smaller version of the poster will be the cover page for the FAR-B Membership Directory which will be distributed with the next issue of the quarterly newsletter in October.

ACTION - FAR-B Members were asked to submit articles for the quarterly newsletter to Alice Murray on a disk either in WordPerfect 5.1 or 6.1 as well as a hard copy **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1.**

Copies of Dr. Kearney's condolence letter to Malcolm Wall, husband of Jane Wall were distributed.

Sustainable Agriculture & IPM Field Day - This was held July 16 and was coordinated by Jim Anderson who had asked FAR-B to financially support their luncheons and refreshments which amounted to \$1,025.

Donations - We received \$500 from Pioneer Hi-Bred International Seed Co. for Sustaining Membership, \$5,000 from Merck for services rendered by John Plowman, and \$600 from a magazine for an article submitted by Dr. Tucker who also designated that any royalties be sent to FAR-B.

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Glen Straight

Proudman

County Fairs - FAR-B was invited to exhibit posters at Montgomery and Prince George's county fairs as well as the State Fair. Mary Camp was in charge of this and Thelma Brack was our contact who supplied brochures and posters as they were needed.

BELTSVILLE AREA REPORT - Dr. Spence

Budget - Dr. Murrell is back from Denmark but was unable to attend the FAR-B meeting. Within the Area Office there is a short fall of \$100,000 after having made some cuts. This necessitated a reduction of staff which resulted in the transfer of Ginger Hupfer to another funded area. A \$100,000 shortfall means less for Beltsville Area research. A \$17,000 portion of Ginger's salary was charged to the Director's Office and another \$17,000 went to the Symposium. The Director's Office is now asking FAR-B if it would be possible for FAR-B to give some support in this area. The Director's Office will cover this for next year but would like to ask support for a portion or all of it the following and future years. Perhaps an increase in corporate donations and/or registration fees might help with this reduction.

In regard to a budget question raised by Dr. Finney, Dr. Spence said funds for facilities would be tight and that funding would be difficult to come by. Facilities were \$4.5 million, down from \$18-20 million; however, this was not unexpected. The largest change was funding for Nutrition of \$15-16 million next year. We had wanted to piece-meal \$5 million per year for the next several years but the entire \$15-16 million was included in the budget for next year.

The CRIS by CRIS review a year ago with NPS resulted in some Beltsville Area programs being closed down although less than scheduled, however. The ARS budget actually is quite good, and we went from \$710 million to \$716 million. In spite of this increase we have had to refocus the direction of some programs and close others. Nevertheless, we are very much at risk here at Beltsville. While the other areas in ARS have a much broader political base, at Beltsville it is business as usual. We need more political support in the Maryland delegation of Congress, perhaps have open houses and meetings with their staffs. We need more ideas on how to strengthen our position. We are Federal employees and cannot lobby so we are at a disadvantage.

Dr. Spence reiterated that long-term we are at risk and along these lines Dr. Murrell has scheduled a two-day retreat November 21 and 22 with the Institute Center Directors. They will discuss what is unique in each of the programs and Centers and explore what needs to be maintained. Having a discussion among Institute Directors will be helpful and we can gain insight. We need to determine issues such as: what are the core features at Beltsville; what do we see as the proper mix of basic research versus applied research; how do we see the Agency fitting in for the next 10-20 years as far as agricultural needs nationally and world-wide. We need to see what makes us unique and come to an agreement.

Buildings - We will close out the Glendale Plant Sciences building as soon as possible and move it to the APHIS facilities on Powder Mill Road. USNA has some facilities there and will keep their trees in a small trailer there but hope to get out of Glendale by this fall.

B-308 - FDA will be moving out of there. We would like to seal that area and close it down. We will be closing the Entomology Complex (buildings 465-470) and also, all buildings on BioControl Road which would help with utility costs. We will consider consolidating as much as possible. It costs money to close and demolish buildings -- some have asbestos and lead which is a real concern. We are planning on having a dedication in October for building No. 1.

Personnel Updates - Dr. Spence will be leaving at the end of September to go back to BHNRC. He expressed his appreciation for the time spent on the West Side and with FAR-B, which he considers one of the strengths of the Beltsville Area.

Dick Soper is leaving for a new post as Associate Area Director of South Atlantic Area.

Phyllis Johnson, the new Associate Area Director, will arrive in Beltsville the last week of September.

Gary Evans, the new Institute Director, NRI officially started his new post August 18.

X Brochure - Our scientists and staff have been volunteering at the state and county fairs which has been a huge success as far as building a strong base of community support. We have been well-received by the community and would like to foster this growth. Therefore, we are exploring the feasibility of developing a brochure on the Beltsville Area such as the one distributed to visitors at the U. S. National Arboretum. We have been distributing our current booklet, but believe it is too much for the general public. FAR-B was asked to consider helping with it financially and also with its publication.

Norton?

USDA Complex on Sunnyside - This complex of four buildings will be completed in 1997. We still are not sure who the tenants will be. The City of Greenbelt objected vigorously to this construction because of the negative impact on Greenbelt, particularly with traffic concerns. They have been told there will be an upgrade of Edmonston from the Beltway. They have gotten assurances that Sunnyside will be upgraded but we don't know who will pay for it. We are not sure of the impact of this construction on us.

TREASURER'S REPORT - William Bailey

At the last meeting we discussed the possibility of purchasing a computer for our Treasurer as well as programs to assist him in keeping records in a modern way. Walter Rawls recommended Quicken (\$50-\$100). Bill Bailey has a 486 computer. He thinks it would be of help to him, and he will look into it.

T. Rowe Price - FAR-B funds in the amount of \$17,000 were put into T. Rowe Price.

Special Committees - It was noted that the Symposium has three co-organizers: Dr. Ronald Korcak, Dr. Robert Wright and Dr. Pat Millner. Walter Rawls suggested that the Symposium call upon FAR-B Associates to assist with small assignments if needed. Dr. Kearney requested that the Symposium record dates when checks are received and also keep detailed spread sheets

so comparisons can be made the following year.

Late Registration Fee - There was some discussion on late registrations. The consensus was that higher fees did not seem to be an inducement for people to register early. The flier has been sent out and the Symposium staff is working with Mort Beroza. Dr. Korcak has received 75-100 responses to the flier. Mort Beroza thought the topic of the symposium would be of interest to local people who might be experts in the field such as state and county officials and wastewater management personnel.

Dr. Millner reported that the compost site is officially almost ready to open. It is behind the dairy, next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant so we can plan to showcase this feature during the Symposium.

Jim Anderson - Thanks to BARC funding, the Sustainable Agriculture Day was held July 18. There were 135 visitors -- people from state and federal agencies, three universities, representatives from SARE, and dignitaries. Fifty scientists from Beltsville Area participated and we had 27 displays including posters. All aspects of Beltsville were included. This year in the Sustainable Agriculture Program we started our new field study by the dairy. We have great hopes for this program which has 7 different systems, and we have spent 3 years doing field-uniformity studies and getting information on soils. We have high hopes for this program and are trying to get science more involved each year. We have added: water movement not in agriculture, silage soybeans, animal scientists on a feeding study, increased soybean yield with sustainable programs and cultivation of large fields instead of small plots. One of the values of sustainable programs on waste utilization problems is the collaboration of soil scientists working on the same CRIS with animal scientists. Since the program started in 1992 the Area Office has given tremendous support (\$600,000) as well as equipment and people to carry out this program. At this point, we have the capability of trying to implement precision farming and we also have the most modern farming equipment at Beltsville.

There are signs on 32 naturalized meadows developed in the Beltsville Area. From an ecological standpoint, we are finding new species not recorded in this area for over 50 years. New species are coming back! Brochures have been put together for the field day telling about some of the milestones.

FAR-B funds were used for coffee, donuts, and lunches for the dignitaries, and hats for visitors and BARC employees working in the fields. Dr. Anderson thanked FAR-B for their contribution.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Smigocki - The Plant Molecular Biology Lab is sponsoring a Minisymposium to be held September 20, 1996. This is to honor two retirees: Dr. Gideon W. Schaeffer and Dr. Lowell D. Owens. Ann Smigocki requested \$250 from FAR-B to help defray the expenses of the reception to be held at the end of the Minisymposium. Dr. Finney made the motion to award the money and Walter Rawls seconded it.

Tom Sexton - The Beltsville Swine Research Field Day will be held October 3 and 4 representing ongoing research taking place in LPSI. This will help define the future of the program while presenting an overview on the research at Beltsville. This is an opportunity to interact with swine industry representatives and indicate our willingness to work with them in their various needs. Dr. Sexton requested a donation from FAR-B for this event to help defray the cost of box lunches and coffee for this event. He also would like to work with Walter Rawls to put copies of the FAR-B poster in packets. Gus Hanson made the motion to award \$1,000 and Dr. Finney seconded the motion.

Dr. Finney commented on the new National Swine Research Center being built at Ames, IA . The Pork Industry has been lobbying for a new national swine research center and this is a \$24 million facility. Our Field Day is a good way to get more support and visibility from the Industry for support of Beltsville programs.

Partners in Education - Dr. Sexton reported that through this program with the University of Maryland, students showed our dairy animals at the county and state fairs which resulted in one of our heiffer's, named Encore, to win a 1st Place award at the Montgomery County Fair and 3rd Place at the State Fair. Holstein breeders have encouraged us to enter Encore in the Eastern Regional Fair to be held in Harrisburg at the end of the month which we will do.

Transgenic Research Facility - UMD has a fully funded Federal grant to construct this facility as a result of research done with us. This will be located behind B-200 and will replace our small animal facilities and enhance closer ties with the UMD.

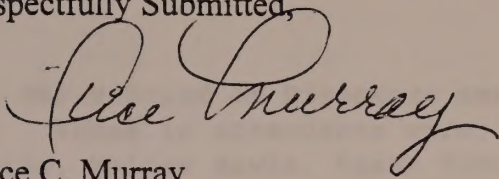
Bonding of FAR-B Officers - Dr. Kearney raised the issue of bonding of FAR-B officers. Frank Longen has been in contact with an insurance company and has received their brochure on details of bonding. If FAR-B decides to bond any officers, it should cover individuals who potentially might handle funds. While the Board is comfortable with the level of trust that exists among its members, the point was made that with Ginger's reassignment there will be different people handling at times what might be large amounts of cash. The FAR-B Board was requested to give this some thought so it can be voted on at next month's meeting.

Fellowships - Dr. Kearney asked how FAR-B might be able to assist the Beltsville Area in their research here at Beltsville. Drs. Murrell and Spence would like to see more scientists on fellowships to visit more locations. Perhaps FAR-B might consider sponsoring or partially funding a fellowship travel fund. It would be competitive -- perhaps \$5,000 to encourage older scientists to become retrained. The top three individuals might be recipients of this fellowship. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

FAR-B Farewell to Ginger Hupfer - On behalf of FAR-B, Dr. Kearney thanked Ginger for her help as Executive Secretary and presented her with flowers and a card signed by the Board. The surprise of the afternoon was Ginger's response -- her farewell to FAR-B. An Ode to FAR-B which she composed and sang to the members, delighted us all, reminding us how much we all will miss Ginger's warm personality and hard work with FAR-B. Good luck, Ginger, on your new assignment!

The Meeting Adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alice C. Murray
Recording Secretary

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Tuesday, October 8, 1996, at 1 :00 PM, Rm. 238, B-003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met October 8, 1996 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were: Philip C. Kearney, Frank Longen, George Irving, Walter Rawls, Essex Finney, William A. Bailey, K. D. Murrell, Phyllis E. Johnson, and Morton Beroza.

President Phil Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

COMMENTS BY DR. KEARNEY

Susan Fugate, NAL - Will be here today to discuss proposal to handle public photocopying at the library. Will discuss when she arrives.

Newsletter - Thanked those who contributed to the newsletter.

BELTSVILLE AREA REPORT - Dr. Murrell

Dedication of Building 001 - Proposed name for building is Natural Resources Building. There is a commitment from Congressman Hoyer to come to the dedication. Invitations have been sent to Department Officials including Secretary and Deputy Secretary. We are waiting for confirmation. Sustainable Ag and Environmental Groups have also been invited. Dr. Kearney will be invited to speak on FAR-B if time permits. The ceremony will start in the Auditorium. The group (about 300 people) then will go to Bldg. 001 for ribbon cutting and photo session. Refreshments will then be served in foyer. Phyllis Johnson will be Master of Ceremonies as Dr. Murrell will be on jury duty.

Distribution of Minutes - Before minutes are distributed, Dr. Murrell would like to review the draft.

Employee Information - Dr. Soper is transferring to be Associate Area Director of South Atlantic Area, Athens Georgia. Dr. Michael Ruff has been detailed to be the Deputy to Dr. Parry in the Office of Technology Transfer. He will continue his position here as well.

Scientists from Brazil - Brazil is looking to assign senior scientists to centers like Beltsville for 2-3 years. They have asked Beltsville to submit a proposal on costs. They will need an office for a coordinator and secretary which they will pay for. If they are willing to share lab space there will be very little cost. Any help they need will be paid by them. This project will help us in the international community.

Retreat - A Management Team Retreat will be held at Patuxent Wildlife Center for two days. ID's and CD's will make presentations. Strengths and opportunities for future will be discussed. An action plan will be developed. A briefing will be given to FAR-B, NPS, and Administration. It was suggested to invite Dr. Knipling.

Illness of Employee - Tom Kelly, formerly of INHL and now of Nematology Lab is very ill. Prognosis is not very good.

Chatsworth, NJ - This research on cranberries and blueberries was transferred to Beltsville Area about a year ago. It is connected with the Fruit Lab. We will be doing a great deal to boost this research. We have also taken over McMinnville, TN research, which is now part of the National Arboretum.

Phyllis Johnson - Dr. Murrell introduced Dr. Johnson. She said she thought she would enjoy being here. The work has different issues than PAC West. Not as much traveling.

SUSAN FUGATE, NAL - Wants FAR-B to rent photocopiers and collect money from these machines. The general public cannot use free machine (only for USDA employees). She will get firm figures to FAR-B on this. She indicated that the cost would be \$100 per machine to rent and would generate about \$2,000 in money collected. FAR-B would also have to buy paper and store this. Also suggested that the profits could be split. Dr. Kearney said this would be discussed further when she got back to them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Bailey said that B. Glenn requested \$150 for 17 animal scientists from Iceland that were visiting. That will be provided.

He purchased a computerized budget program--Quicken.

He asked whether we could move meeting up 1 week because some of the statements arrived late. It was suggested that he do the report based on what he has.

Transferred \$45,000 from Symposium Checking to Symposium Savings. Most of the expenses have been paid.

Discussion on figuring how much is invested with T-Rowe Price. Multiply shares times value at the time of the statement. We invested \$17,000.

\$1,000 was given to the Swine Field Day.

Mark Tucker wrote article for Washington Times Magazine. The Washington Times needed IRS number for FAR-B. Bill Bailey will call Mark Tucker for more information regarding outside employment form and ethics issues.

SYMPOSIUM - Amy Rossman said the budget was finished. They are \$10,000 in the black. Dinner and travel was less than expected. The BA Area gave money for printing of final report. Publisher was paid in lump sum.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bonding of FAR-B officers. For 5 or less for \$10,000 it would cost \$1482/3 years. For \$25,000 it would cost \$170 per month. For \$5,000 it would cost \$100 per month. It was felt that they would not need this. Motion made by Frank Longen and seconded by Morton Beroza not to have officers bonded. If they take the library proposal, it was mentioned

they might want to have that person bonded that collects the money.

2. Fellowship Program--Dr. Kearney spoke to Dr. Murrell, Dr. Sexton, and Dr. Spence about such a program. This would include foreign travel and perhaps training. Dr. Finney will chair a small committee and bring recommendations in a couple of months. Dr. Rawls wondered if this could include training grants to support people. Dr. Finney passed out a brochure on the ARS Fellowship Program. He will see if coordination with the Beltsville Area could be arranged.

NEW BUSINESS

Year end money was offered by one of the labs for the next Symposium. A purchase order was issued for this purpose. Invoice will be submitted when the Symposium is over. Gifts of this type will be acted on individually.

Dr. Beroza said it would be better to have an independent contractor collecting the money from NAL. Then no social security taxes would have to be collected.

Dr. Finney passed out a list of possible FAR-B members. Frank Longen will look at this to see if current members are on it. Dr. Finney will try to get addresses for those on the list.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Tanner
Beltsville Area Director's Office

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Tuesday, November 12, 1996 at 1:00 PM,
Rm. 238, B-003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met November 12, 1996 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were: William Hollis, Frank Longen, Morton Beroza, George Irving, Phil Kearney, Pat Jackson, Wm. A. Bailey, Walter Rawls and A. A. Hanson.

President Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Comments by Dr. Kearney

FAR-B was advised that Dr. Finney's father had suffered a stroke. Since Dr. Finney is tending to his father, the assignment he has been working on has been tabled until a future time.

NARC Federal Credit Union has sent FAR-B a check for \$500 as a Sustaining Member.

Susan Fugate (NAL) had approached FAR-B about a joint fund-raising venture. It seems at this point the venture might not be feasible but Dr. Kearney is meeting with Ms. Fugate to ascertain whether or not we are interested.

Dedication B-001 - Dr. Kearney thought the program and tour were excellent.

Dr. Kearney received a letter from ENTECH, Inc. an architectural-environmental company who are under contract with USDA-ARS regarding waste disposal sites. They are seeking the assistance of older employees who might remember locations of some waste disposal areas. They are seeking FAR-B's assistance in identifying these former employees. Dr. Kearney will ask Dr. Murrell for his recommendations and then talk to Richard McKenna of ENTECH.

Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Sexton

Dr. Sexton expressed his appreciation to FAR-B for its contribution to the B-001 dedication.

Modernization - Funding is drying up short of our targeted goals. Prospects for modernization of the East Side are dim. We need to generate new ways to get funding. B-004 has the required funding and work will begin this year.

Swine Research Field Day - This event was very successful. Invited members of the pork industry were impressed with this opportunity to express their views on swine research. We gained tremendous support as well as friends. We will follow up by mailing attendees newsletters and inviting them for lab reviews. Next year we plan on hosting a poultry research field day.

Dr. Sexton presented FAR-B with a check for \$4,000 from Wingo, Inc., Watkinsville, GA. Frank Longen will write a thank you letter and give them an honorary membership to FAR-B.

Research Leader's Meeting - Dr. Murrell made a strong pitch for research leaders to join FAR-B. The next research leader's meeting will be in February. We are taking a stronger approach to be more visible to our customers and the congressional people on Capitol Hill -- they are people who can help us in this time of funding shortages. William Hollis emphasized the importance of cultivating the acquaintances of the members of the House Agriculture Committee.

Combined Federal Campaign - Discussed possibility of putting FAR-B on the CFC list. In the past we didn't meet criteria, but there have been changes.

Also, discussed was the possibility of having tree planting donations in memory of individuals as well as memorial benches. The USNA has been doing this and currently they are writing their Guidelines. Walter Rawls will obtain the Guidelines for FAR-B's perusal and talk to grounds people on possible sites for tree planting.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey

Our T. Rowe Price account has increased by \$554.83. We will need \$17,000 for future symposiums and we need to keep this in mind when considering long-term budgeting.

Special Committees

Dr. Finney had volunteered to assist in studying the feasibility of establishing fellowships of foreign travel for Beltsville scientists. This will be tabled until a future time.

Old Business

Mort Beroza has not met with the symposia group this month. As far as he knows, they are on schedule.

Brochure for Beltsville Area Office - This will be similar to that published by the USNA. Dr. Kearney said we can support this if Dr. Murrell is able to work up the brochure.

Quarterly Newsletter - Dr. Kearney expressed an interest in improving the quality of the newsletter both by content and presentation.

New Business

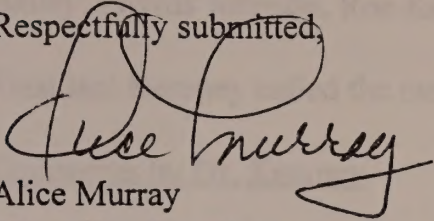
Frank Longen checked Dr. Finney's potential member list with names we had previously invited. He will write to those not previously contacted.

Obituary

Dr. H. Cecil died October 16.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Murray
Recording Secretary

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 1:00 PM,
Rm. 238, B-003.

Report of the Board - On November 20, Dr. Karmali met with Susan Pagan of NAI about a possible joint venture. Dr. Karmali will still have exploratory study and Dr. Karmali will continue to keep in touch with Susan Pagan on this matter.

Report of the Board - Dr. Karmali

Dr. Karmali brought up an idea of a possible joint venture, as well as several other ideas.

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The Treasurer discussed the November report which is not complete.

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Dr. Karmali also brought up the idea of a guide to homebrewing and Dr. Karmali answered questions on the new policy.

Dr. Karmali is working on final details for the publishing of the symposium proceedings. It probably will be in book form. These efforts have also been identified under the B-A as an asset with participation of these proceedings.

A letter regarding the symposium, signed by Dr. Karmali, was passed around. A separate FAX-B application will be enclosed with the letter when it is mailed. Walter will provide a black and white version for the January meeting.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met December 10, 1996 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were: Morton Beroza, George Irving, Phil Kearney, Frank Longen, William Bailey, Phyllis Johnson, Ron Korcak, Walter Rawls and A. A. Hanson.

President Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Comments by Dr. Kearney

Membership - Drs. Mark Feldlaufer and Lloyd Knutson have enrolled as Patrons in FAR-B.

ENTECH - This company was informed by Dr. Kearney that FAR-B is unable to be of assistance to them in their search for former employees who might be able to remember waste disposal sites.

Susan Fugate - On November 20, Dr. Kearney met with Susan Fugate of NAL about a possible joint fund-raising venture. Discussions are still in an exploratory stage and Dr. Kearney will continue to keep in touch with Susan Fugate on this matter.

Beltsville Area Report - Phyllis Johnson

Awards - Dr. Johnson brought us up to date on scheduled awards programs, as well as recent personnel changes.

Honoraria - A handout was distributed on the Area Office's guide to honoraria and Dr. Johnson answered questions on the new policy.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey

The Treasurer distributed the November report which is self-explanatory.

Symposium Report - Ron Korcak/Mort Beroza

Everything is going as scheduled for the symposium.

Ron Korcak is working on final details for the publishing of the symposium proceedings. It probably will be in book form. Three editors have also been identified (outside of BA) to assist with publication of these proceedings.

A color brochure for the symposium, created by Walter Rawls, was passed around. A separate FAR-B application will be enclosed with the brochure when it is mailed. Walter will provide a black and white version for the January meeting.

Special Committees

Dr. Finney has asked to be excused from the Special Committee on Travel Grants for Beltsville scientists. Gus Hanson has agreed to replace Dr. Finney. Enclosed is a Draft of Dr. Hanson's proposed FAR-B Research and Training Award guidelines. The Board of Directors will discuss this at the next meeting and hope to finalize the guidelines at that time. It was recommended that this should be a FAR-B award restricted to research and research training only, perhaps in the amount of \$15,000. Publications should be included on applications and sent to FAR-B with sign-off by the immediate supervisor.

Old Business

Dr. Rawls has been in contact with Ben Benedict on possible memorial trees/benches fund-raiser for FAR-B. Ben will put together a list of trees and places where they might be planted. Walter is still awaiting the Arboretum's guidelines on a similar project at USNA. Gus Hanson suggested a special avenue where memorial trees can be planted. Walter will look into that.

Walter Rawls passed around the Certificate of Achievement he created which might be used in the future to acknowledge FAR-B assistance by individuals .

New Business

BA employees will be asked to join FAR-B and also suggest names of individuals and corporations who might be potential members of FAR-B.

Terms of Office

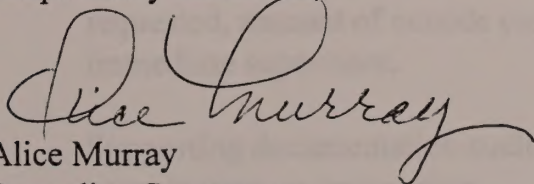
Frank Longen raised the question of expiration dates for Board members. At the next meeting we will get an indication of those members who are willing to stay on another term.

Quarterly Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent out late January.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Murray
Recording Secretary

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00 p.m.

FAR-B RESEARCH AND TRAINING AWARD

The FAR-B AWARD program provides one or more opportunities for research scientists at the Beltsville Area (BA) to participate in a research or research training program. Awards will be granted as a rule for 3 to 6 months, with the possibility of extensions of up to one year. Award objectives include the improvement of Agency productivity, collaborative research with peers, training in state-of-the-art technology, and development of new skills to strengthen the mission of ARS.

A FAR-B Research and Training Award will cover up to \$15,000 in travel costs, per diem or relocation expenses, associated fees including books, supplies, etc. Salary costs and amounts in excess of the award will be the responsibility of the awardee's management unit, and may be supplemented with funds obtained from other sources, including the institution and/or facility visited.

Award applications are the responsibility of employee initiative. BA management should encourage highly qualified scientists to propose appropriate projects for consideration.

Eligibility

Research Scientists (category 1 or 4) in Grade 13 or above who have been employed by ARS-BA for at least 3 years are eligible. Equal opportunity will be given to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, non-disqualifying physical handicap, or national origin.

Applications should be submitted to the Beltsville Area Office through appropriate administrative levels by May 1. All applications received by the BA Office will be forwarded to the President, FAR-B.

Application Procedure

Each application should include:

1. Cover page with name, grade, unit, experience of the applicant, name and address of host institution, proposed dates and length of program, amount of FAR-B financial support requested, amount of outside contributed support, and signature/date line for approval of immediate supervisor.
2. Supporting documentation such as letter of invitation or acceptance by the host organization, as appropriate.
3. A one-page description of proposed research project or research training program including: objective(s), relevance to current or projected research, and a summary of potential value to the individual's program.

4. A one-page description of the proposal including: capacity of the host institution to meet objectives and furnish an appropriate environment and terms of the arrangement from the standpoint of the host organization.
5. A one-page outline of all anticipated costs listing clearly what FAR-B is expected to provide and what the host organization may furnish as well as any other sources of support (include costs in each FY if more than one is involved).
6. Three copies each of applicant's three most recent publications. If appropriate, these should pertain to the proposed field of study.

A committee appointed by the President, FAR-B, will review and rank applications on the following criteria:

1. Personal qualifications determined by work experience, demonstrated performance, and potential for growth as a consequence of receiving a FAR-B award.
2. Relevance of proposal to the advancement of science.
3. Capacity of the designated institution and associated personnel to provide a suitable environment for the proposed project.
4. Quality of the applicant's proposal.
5. Available supplementary funds and amount requested. One or more applications may be funded.

Service Obligation

Individuals selected to participate in the program may be required to sign a continued service agreement for a period equal to three times the length of the program.

